## REMARKS

## Amendment to the Specification

The amendment to the specification sets forth a priority and benefit claim and incorporates the priority applications and corresponding PCT international application by reference.

## Amendment to the Claims

The present amendment cancels a number of claims and amends certain of the remaining claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his/her time and consideration. If a telephone conversation would help clarify any issues, or help expedite prosecution of this case, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-5071.

Although it is believed that there is no fee associated with this Amendment, if Applicants are mistaken, please charge any fees to our Deposit Account No.: 03-1721.

Dated: May 16, 2005

Monicà R. Gerber Registration No. 46,724

PATENT GROUP CHOATE, HALL & STEWART Exchange Place 53 State Street Boston, MA 02109 Tel: (617) 248-5000

Fax: (617) 248-4000